

C L A I M A M E N D M E N T S

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified, and markings indicate the changes that have been made to all claims being currently amended by this Amendment.

Claim 1 – 181 (Cancelled)

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182. (NEW) A method for monitoring a remote location, comprising:
- obtaining at a server from a sensor located at a remote location, an image of the remote location;
 - providing the image to a remote viewer of a viewer device;
 - determining a response of the remote viewer to the image;
 - determining, based on the response, a status of the remote location,
 - wherein the status of the remote location is determined to be
 - a first status if the response is a first response, and
 - a second status if the response is a second response.
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183. (NEW) The method of claim 182, further comprising:
- initiating an action if the status is determined to be the first status.
184. (NEW) The method of claim 183, wherein the step of initiating comprises:
- notifying a predetermined person of the status.
185. (NEW) The method of claim 184, wherein the step of notifying comprises:
- notifying a person charged with ensuring the security of the remote location of the status.
186. (NEW) The method of claim 183, wherein the step of initiating comprises:
- providing the image to at least one other viewer of another viewer device.
187. (NEW) The method of claim 182, further comprising:
- causing a payment to be provided to the remote viewer of the viewer device.

188. (NEW) The method of claim 187, wherein the step of causing comprises:
causing a payment to be provided to the remote viewer, wherein the payment is in exchange for time the remote viewer spent viewing at least the image.
189. (NEW) The method of claim 182, wherein the step of determining the status of the remote location to be a first status if the response is a first response comprises:
determining that the security of the remote location has potentially been impaired if the response is a first response.
190. (NEW) The method of claim 182, wherein the response is received at the server and in response to a query provided to the remote viewer.
191. (NEW) The method of claim 191, wherein the query comprises a query of whether the remote viewer perceives in the image an apparent impairment in the security of the remote location.
192. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:
a processor, and
a storage device that stores a program for directing the processor;
the processor being operative with the program to:
perform the method of claim 182.
193. (NEW) A computer readable medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to:
perform the method of claim 182.
194. (NEW) A method for monitoring a remote location, comprising:
receiving, at a server from a user of a remote user device, a response to data descriptive of a remote location that was provided to the user;
determining, by the server, a status of the remote location based on the response,

wherein the status is determined to be
a first status if the response is a first response,
a second status if the response is a second response; and
initiating a predetermined action if the status is determined to be a first status.

195. (NEW) The method of claim 194, wherein the data descriptive of the remote location comprises an image of the remote location.

196. (NEW) The method of claim 194, wherein the data had been provided to the user by the server.

197. (NEW) The method of claim 194, wherein the data had been provided to the user by a computing device other than the server at which the response is received.

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198. (NEW) The method of claim 194, wherein the step of determining the status of the remote location comprises:

determining, by the server and based on the response, whether the security of the remote location has potentially been impaired,

wherein it is determined that

the security of the remote location has potentially been impaired if the response is a first response, and

the security of the remote location has not been impaired if the response is a second response.

199. (NEW) The method of claim 194, wherein the step of initiating comprises:
notifying a predetermined person of the first status.

200. (NEW) The method of claim 199, wherein the step of initiating comprises:
notifying a person charged with ensuring the security of the remote location of the first status.

201. (NEW) The method of claim 194, wherein the step of initiating comprises:
transmitting an alarm signal to a predetermined computing device.
202. (NEW) The method of claim 194, further comprising:
causing a payment to be provided to the user in exchange for the user viewing the image.
203. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor, and
a storage device that stores a program for directing the processor;
the processor being operative with the program to:
perform the method of claim 194.
204. (NEW) A computer readable medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor
to:
perform the method of claim 194.
205. (NEW) A method for monitoring the security of a remote location, comprising:
obtaining, at a server from a sensor at a remote location, a first image of the remote
location;
forwarding the image to a first viewer of a first viewer device;
querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives in the first image
an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location;
receiving a response to the query from the first viewer;
determining that the security of the remote location has apparently been impaired if the
response indicates that the first viewer does perceive an apparent impairment of the security of
the remote location; and
initiating a predetermined action if the response indicates that the first viewer does
perceive an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.
206. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of querying comprises:

querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives an image of a person accessing the remote location.

207. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of querying comprises:

querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives an image of a person attempting to access the remote location.

208. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of querying comprises:

querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives an image of a person present at the remote location.

209. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of querying comprises:

querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives an image of a vehicle at the remote location.

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210. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of initiating an action comprises:

notifying a predetermined person that the first viewer does perceive an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

211. (NEW) The method of claim 210, wherein the step of notifying comprises:

notifying a person charged with ensuring the security of the remote location that the first viewer does perceive an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

212. (NEW) The method of claim 210, wherein the step of notifying comprises:

transmitting an alarm to a computing device of the predetermined person.

213. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of initiating an action comprises:

forwarding the first image to a second viewer of a second viewer device; and
querying the second viewer to determine whether the second viewer perceives in the first image an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

214. (NEW) The method of claim 213, further comprising:

notifying a predetermined person if a response to the query of the second viewer indicates that the second viewer does perceive in the first image an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

215. (NEW) The method of claim 213, further comprising:

transmitting an alarm from the server to a predetermined computing device if a response to the query of the second viewer indicates that the second viewer does perceive in the first image an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

216. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of initiating an action comprises:

obtaining, at the server from the sensor at the remote location, a second image of the remote location.

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cont 217. (NEW) The method of claim 216, wherein the step of initiating an action further comprises:

forwarding the second image to the first viewer of the first viewer device; and
querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives in the second image an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

218. (NEW) The method of claim 216, wherein the step of initiating an action further comprises:

forwarding the second image to a second viewer of a second viewer device; and
querying the second viewer to determine whether the second viewer perceives in the second image an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

219. (NEW) The method of claim 218, further comprising:

notifying a predetermined person if a response to the query of the second viewer indicates that the second viewer does perceive in the second image an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

220. (NEW) The method of claim 218, further comprising:

transmitting an alarm, from the server to a predetermined computing device, if a response to the query of the second viewer indicates that the second viewer does perceive in the second image an apparent impairment of the security of the remote location.

221. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of querying comprises:

querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives in the first image at least one of an apparently unauthorized person and an apparently unauthorized vehicle present at the remote location.

222. (NEW) The method of claim 205, wherein the step of querying comprises:

querying the first viewer to determine whether the first viewer perceives in the first image at least one of an apparently unauthorized person and an apparently unauthorized vehicle attempting to access the remote location.

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223. (NEW) The method of claim 205, further comprising:

providing to the first viewer a payment in exchange for the first viewer's viewing of the first image.

224. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device that stores a program for directing the processor;

the processor being operative with the program to:

perform the method of claim 205.

225. (NEW) A computer readable medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to:

perform the method of claim 205.